SPECIALTY AND DISTINGUISHING MARKS:

U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, U.S. Coast Guard,
U.S. Maritime Service, U.S. Navy, and U.S. Public Health Service

by

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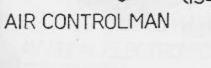


Rating Badge - 1897
From Uniform Regulations
(Chief Master-at-Arms)

3rd Revision, 17 November 1996









(1944 - 48)AIRSHIP RIGGER





(1965 -)AIRCREW SURVIVAL

EQUIPMENTMAN





NOTE: U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE SPECIALTY MARKS ARE MAROON ON ALL RATES. (U.S.C.&G.S.) (1926)(1885-93)**ASSISTANT** ARMORER TO ENGINEER NOTE: GOLD TRIANGLE ON SILVER DISC (U.S.P.H.S.) (1937)(U.S.P.H.S.) (1937)AUTO DRIVER AUTO MECHANIC (1968-94)(1963 -)AVIATION ANTISUBMARINE AVIATION ANTISUBMARINE WARFARE OPERATOR WARFARE TECHNICIAN





*N/A (Not/Authorized) (1942 -)AVIATION ELECTRICIAN'S MATE











TECHNICIAN'S MATE

AVIATION ELECTRONICS



UTILITY



TECHNICIAN



MISSILEMAN





(1921 -)AVIATION MACHINIST'S MATE



(1963 -)AVIATION MAINTENANCE **ADMINISTRATIONMAN**



★N/A (WW2) AVIATION PHOTOGRAPHER



ORDNANCEMAN (1948-53)

AVIATION PHOTOGRAPHER'S MATE NOTE: AVIATION PILOT WAS YELLOW UNTIL 1944, CHANGED TO WHITE OR BLUE. (1924 - 33)(1924 - 33)AVIATION PILOT AVIATION PILOT Francis (1942 - 48)(1942 - 48)AVIATION PILOT AVIATION PILOT *N/A (1918-21)(1942-47)AVIATION QUARTERMASTER AVIATION RADARMAN (1942-48)(1942-45)AVIATION RADIOMAN AVIATION RADIO **TECHNICIAN**



AVIATION RIGGER



AVIATION STOREKEEPER



AVIATION STRUCTRURAL MECHANIC



(U.S.C.G.)

AVIATION SURVIVALMAN

NOTE: Dates of U.S.C.G. UNKNOWN
BY THIS AUTHOR/ARTIST.



AVIATION SUPPORT EQUIPMENT TECHNICIAN



★N/A AVIATION YEOMAN



BAKER



















BOILERMAKER (1956-71)















BUILDER





















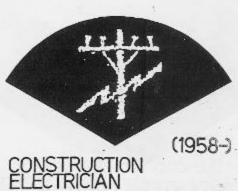


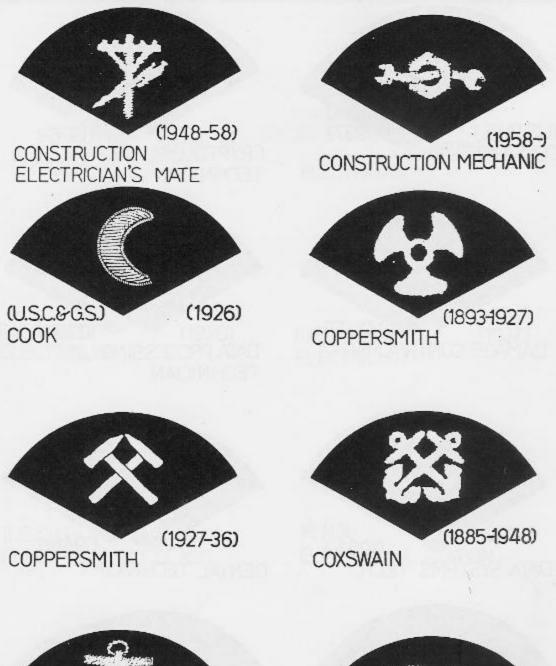


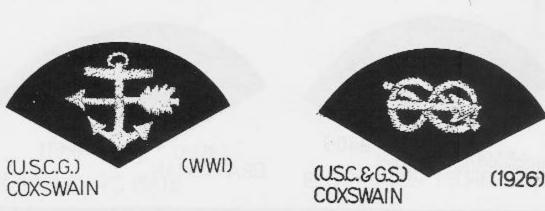








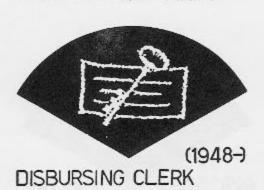




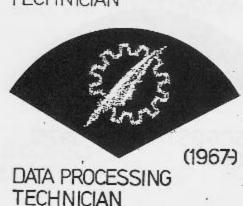






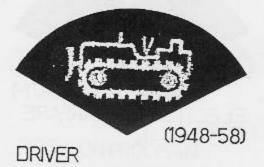












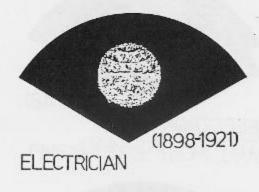








ELECTRICIAN'S MATE











ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN'S MATE



ENGINEERING AIDE



ENGINEMAN



EQUIPMENT OPERATOR



ELECTRONICS WARFARE
TECHNICIAN



ENGINEER'S FORCE NOTE: POSITION OF WEAR UNKNOWN.



ENGINEMAN



FIRE CONTROLMAN





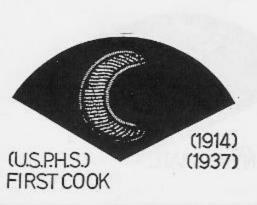






TECHNICIAN









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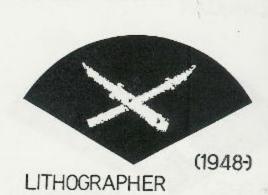




















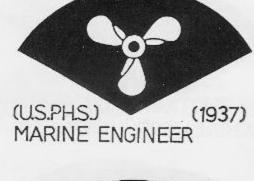
















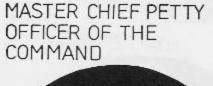














MASTER CHIEF PETTY
OFFICER OF THE
FLEET/FORCE



MASTER CHIEF PETTY
OFFICER OF THE NAVY
(MCAD JOHN WHITTET)



MECHANIC



MASTER CHIEF PETTY
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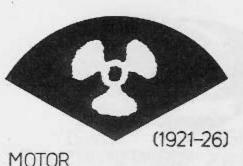
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MESS MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST





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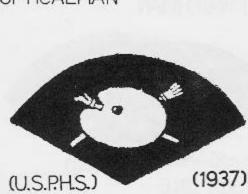


OILER









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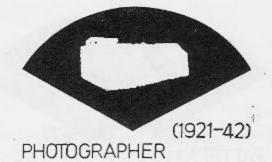


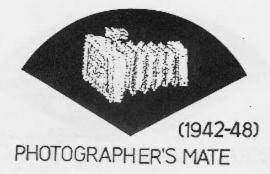






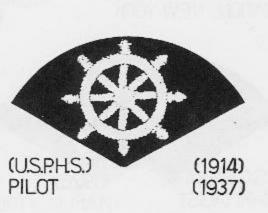




















PORT SECURITYMAN (2ND)



(U.S.P.H.S.) (1937)PRESCRIPTION CLERK



POSTAL CLERK



PRINTER



QUARTER GUNNER



QUARTERMASTER



(U.S.C.&G.S.) QUARTERMASTER















(U.S.C.G.) (1917) SAILMAKER





SCHOOLMASTER (1ST CLASS ONLY)

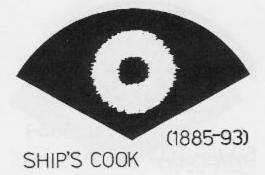




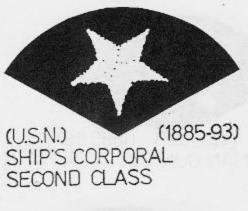












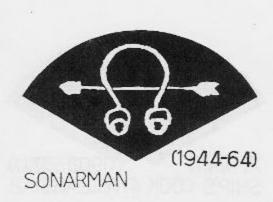
























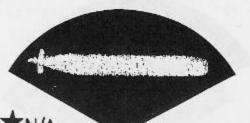












TORPEDOMAN'S MATE
NOTE: Shown in 1944 issue of
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TORPEDOMAN'S MATE



TRADEVMAN (1948-)



(U.S.ARMY) (WW2)
TRANSPORTATION
CORPS SCHOOL

NOTE: Shown in Rudy Basurto's BOOK INSIGNIA OF AMERICA'S LITTLE KNOWN SEAFARERS.



TURRET CAPTAIN
NOTE: FACING LEFT ALSO KNOWN.



UNDERWATER MECHANIC NOTE: PROBABLY NEVER ISSUED.



UTILITIESMAN















NOTE: TRIANGLE IS GOLD ON SILVER DISC & QUILL-PENS.





YEOMAN

NOTE: LETTERS "J," "L," AND "N" WERE NEVER AUTHORIZED.



ATHLETIC INSTRUCTOR



PHYSICAL TRAINING INSTRUCTOR



AIRSHIP RIGGER



AIRCRAFT CARBURATOR MECHANIC



MASTER-AT-ARMS (SHORE)



(1943-48)

CLASSIFICATION INTERVIEWER

CLASSIFICATION (1942-42)

NOTE: DOUBLE LETTERS, EXCEPT "CB," USED EXCLUSIVELY BY THE U.S.C.G. CB (1954-65)(1942-44)CHAPLAIN'S ASSISTANT CONSTRUCTION





CONSTRUCTION









CONSTRUCTION

BATTALION





CHEMICAL WARFAREMAN









(U.S.C.G.) (WW2) DOG-HORSE HANDLER (BEACH PATROL)





RECREATION AND WELFARE ASSISTANT

PHYSICAL TRAINING INSTRUCTOR





(1948-65)



AVIATION FREE **GUNNERY INSTRUCTOR**



HARBOR DEFENSE SONARMAN



INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINE (IBM) OPERATOR





GUNNERY INSTRUCTOR



I.B.M. OPERATOR



PUNCHED CARD ACCOUNTING MACHINE OPERATOR













INSPECTOR OF NAVAL MATERIAL





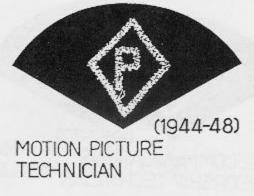






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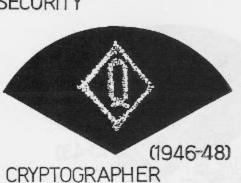
COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST















































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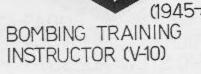














SPECIALIST (NOT ELSEWHERE CLASSIFIED)





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TINSEL SPECIALTY MARKS







(TINSEL) (1948-)
AVIATION
STRUCTRURAL MECHANIC

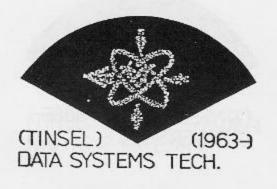




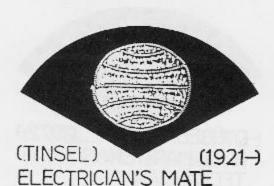




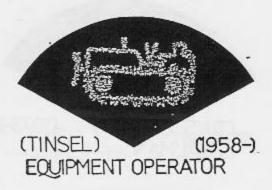






















SILVER BULLION SPECIALTY MARKS

NOTE: VARIATIONS SHOWN TO SHOW DIFFERENCES OF MANUFACTURERS.



AEROGRAPHER'S MATE



AEROGRAPHER'S MATE



AIR CONTROLMAN



AIRCRAFT CARBURATOR
MECHANIC NOTE: BULLION LETT
SPECIALTY MARKS ARE UNCOMMON.



AIRCREW SURVIVAL EQUIPMENTMAN



AIRCREW SURVIVAL EQUIPMENTMAN







ANTI-AIRCRAFT **GUNNERY INSTRUCTOR**



ARTIST



ATHLETIC INSTRUCTOR



AVIATION ANTISUBMARINE WARFARE TECHNICIAN



AVIATION ANTISUBMARINE WARFARE TECHNICIAN



AVIATION BOATSWAIN'S MATE



AVIATION CARPENTER'S MATE



AVIATION ELECTRICIAN'S MATE



AVIATION ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN'S MATE



AVIATION FIRE CONTROL TECHNICIAN



AVIATION GUIDED MISSILEMAN



AVIATION ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN'S MATE



★N/A (1926-58) AVIATION GENERAL UTILITY



AVIATION MACHINIST'S MATE



AVIATION MAINTENANCE ADMINISTRATIONMAN

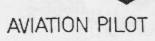


AVIATION ORDNANCEMAN











(BOGUS) (1921-27)

AVIATION RIGGER





AVIATION PILOT



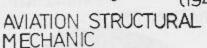








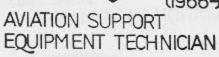
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(1966-)

(1966-) AVIATION SUPPORT EQUIPMENT TECHNICIAN





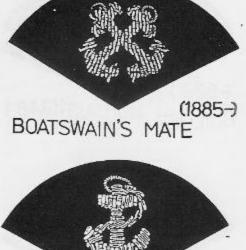
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BOATSWAIN'S MATE





(1926)





(USCEGS)

BOATSWAIN











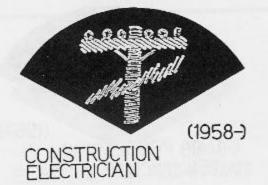








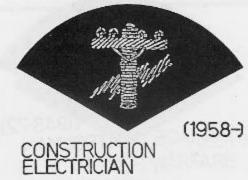
















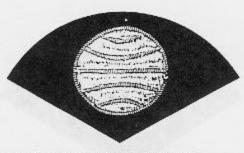






DATA SYSTEMS **TECHNICIAN**





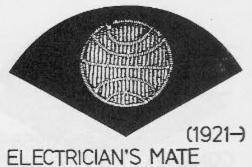
ELECTRICIAN'S MATE



DATA PROCESSING **TECHNICIAN**



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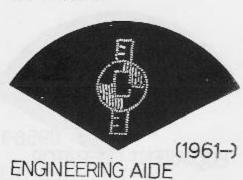


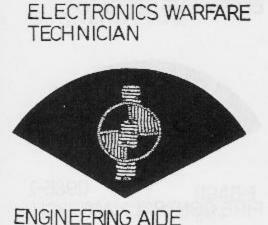




































GAS TURBINE SYSTEM **TECHNICIAN**



GAS TURBINE SYSTEM **TECHNICIAN**



GUNNER'S MATE



GUNNER'S MATE



HOSPITAL CORPSMAN



(1948 -)HOSPITAL CORPSMAN













































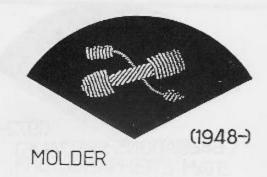
MASTER-AT-ARMS (1974-)



(1975-)
MESS MANAGEMENT
SPECIALIST









MATE

















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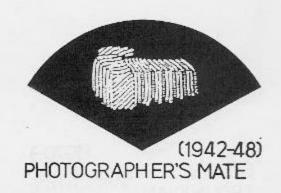




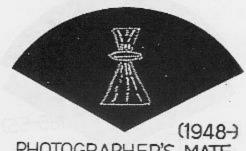












PHOTOGRAPHER'S MATE



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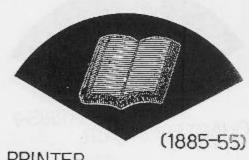
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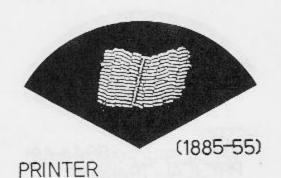
(1960-)POSTAL CLERK



PRINTER





















(1921 -)





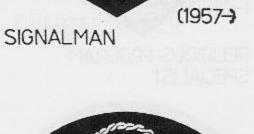
























STEELWORKER











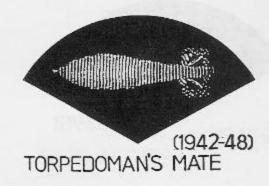










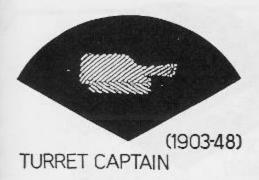




















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(1948-65)WELFARE AND RECREATION LEADER









UNITED STATES COAST GUARD SILVER SPECIALTY MARKS



(U.S.C.G.) INVESTIGATOR







(U.S.C.G.) SUBSISTENCE SPECIALIST

BOGUS SILVER BULLION SPECIALTY MARKS



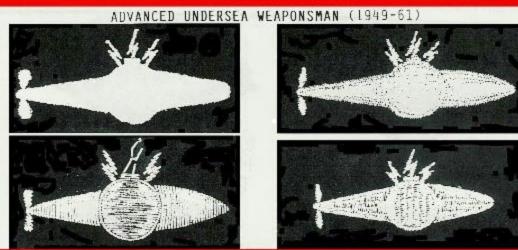
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DISTINGUISHING MARKS







AIR GUNNER (1943-46) AIRCRAFT GUNNER (1948-58)











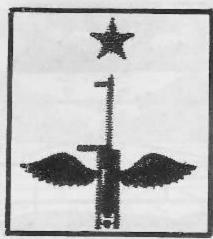


AIRCRAFT MACHINEGUNNER, SECOND CLASS (1946-48)









AIRCRAFT MACHINEGUNNER FIRST CLASS (1946-48) (NOT SUBSTANTUATED FOR WEAR)*



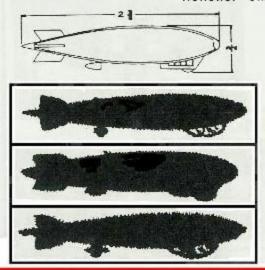


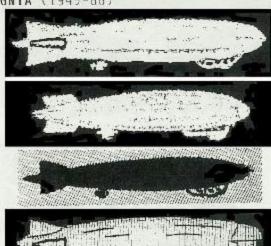
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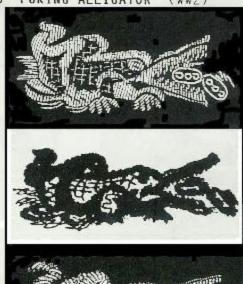


AMPHIBIOUS INSIGNTA, UNAUTHORIZED "PUKING ALLIGATOR" (WW2)









AMPHIBIOUS INSIGNIA (WW2) (PROPOSED)

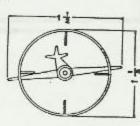




ANTI-AIRCRAFT MACHINE GUNNER (1949-70)













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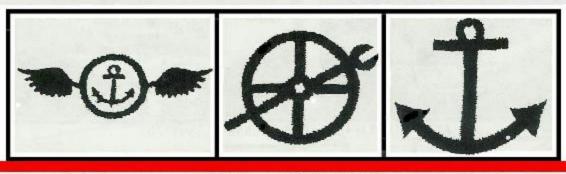




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AIRMAN FIREMAN SEAMAN



APPRENTICE TRAINING GRADUATE (1981-PRESENT) AIRMAN FIREMAN SEAMAN

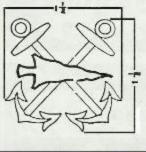


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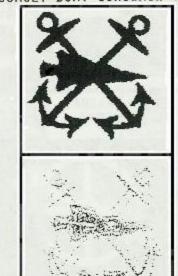
ARTIFICER FOR BLACKSMITH, COPPERSMITH, & MACHINIST (1925-48)













AVIATION CARPENTER'S MATE (1926-40)



AVIATION GENERAL UTILITY (1926-58)



AVIATION MACHINIST'S MATE (1941-48)

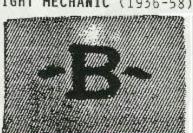


BAKER, 2ND CLASS (1908-21)



BOMBSIGHT MECHANIC (1936-58)









BUGLER (1912-20) BUGLER, 1ST & 2ND CLASS (1920-48)



BUGLER, U.S.C.G. (WWI)

COMMUNICATIONS AWARD - NAVY "C" (UNAUTHORIZED)

CONSTRUCTION BAITALION (1942-44) (UNAUTHORIZED WITH A DIAMOND SHAPE BORDER)















CONSTRUCTION BATTALION (1942-44)



CB





CB

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MASTER DIVER (1929-59) DIVER INSIGNIA

Diver 1st Class (1929-73) Diver 2nd Class (1943-73) Diver 3rd Class (*N/A) Diver, Deep Sea (1957-69)

DIVER, DEEP SEA (1957-69)
DIVER, EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE
DISPOSAL (*N/A)

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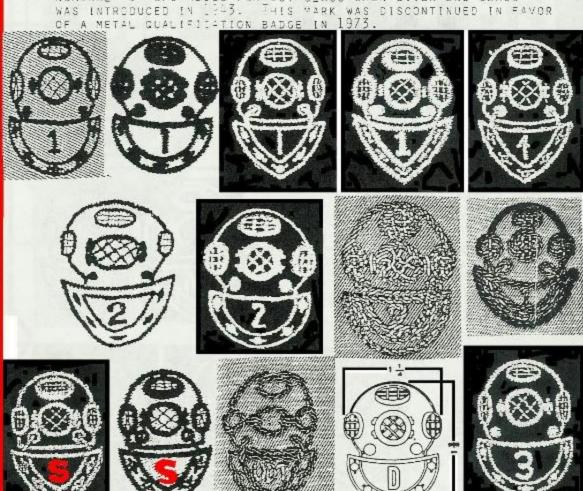








THE Diver's disting ishing mark was originally approved for 1st Class with no amber or letter on the breast plate, and for Master Diver with the letter M on the breast plate. The numeral "1" was abled for 1st Class when Diver 2nd Class was introduced in 1243. This wark was discontinued in favor





DIVER 1st CLASS NO NUMBER IN BREAST PLATE USED 1943 ONLY









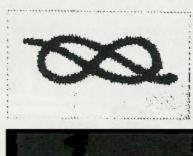






ELECTRICIAN (RADIO)(1912-21)

EX-APPRENTICE MARK (1904-48)









EXPERT LOOKOUT (1945-75)

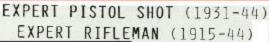


















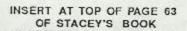
EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSALMAN (1949-59)

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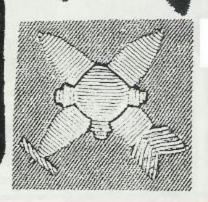


EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSALMAN (FIRST CLASS) NEVER AUTHORIZED NOTE FIVE POINTED STAR POINT DOWN ALSO THE POSITION OF THE BOMB AND TORPEDO ARE REVERSED.

(SILVER BULLION EMBROIDERED ON NAVY BLUE TWILL)





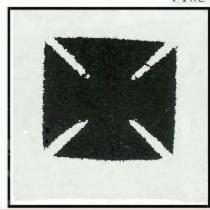




FIRE CONTROL RADAR OPERATOR (1949-70)



FIRE FIGHTER ASSISTANT (1949-75)















GUN CAPTAIN (1905-49) MOUNT CAPTAIN (1949-70)





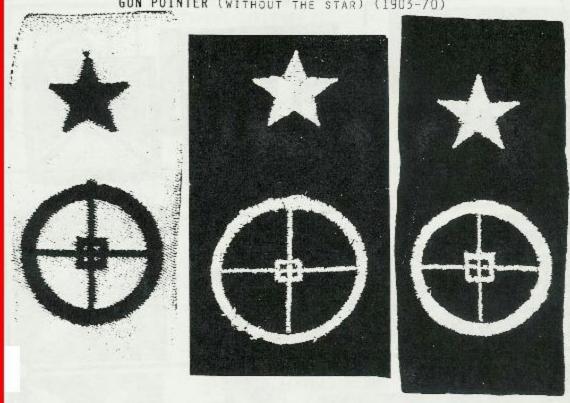
GUN DIRECTOR POINTER (1924-70)
GUN DIRECTOR TRAINER (1949-70)
GUN POINTER (1949-70)
GUN POINTER, FIRST CLASS (1903-1949)
GUN POINTER (WITHOUT THE STAR) (1903-70)
GUN TRAINER (1949-70)







GUN POINTER, FIRST CLASS (1903-49)
GUN POINTER (WITHOUT THE STAR) (1903-70)







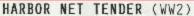
















HOSPITAL APPRENTICE (1898-1948)

WHITE A - ANTISUBMARINE WEAPONS AND OPERATIONS. GREEN C - COMMUNICATIONS. YELLOW C - UNABLE TO IDENTIFY.

RED DC - DAMAGE CONTROL. BLACK E - AIRCRAFT IMMEDIATE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT.

BLUE E - SUPPLY DEPARTMENT. GREEN E - COMBAT INFORMATION

WHITE E - SUN FIRING SYSTEMS

AND SURFACE TO AIR MISSILE SYSTEMS.

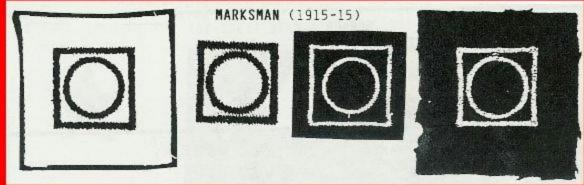
INTRA-DEPARTMENT AWARDS (1950s)

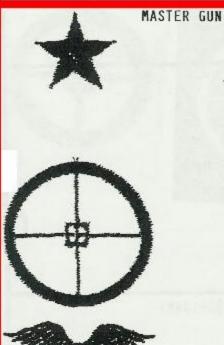
YELLOW E - AIR DEPARTMENTS, CVA AND CVS SHIPS. WHITE EW - ELECTRONIC WARFARE.

WHITE M - MINE SWEEPING AND ASSAULT BOAT OPERATIONS.

BLACK W - WEAPONS DEPARTMENTS,

CVA AND CVS SHIPS.





MASTER GUN POINTER (NOT AUTHORIZED)

MASTER HORIZONTAL BOMBER (1936-58)
HORIZONTAL BOMBER OR HORIZONTAL BOMBER, FIRST CLASS (NOT AUTHORIZED)





MASTER HORIZONTAL BOMBER (1936-58)









MINE ASSEMBLYMAN (1958-70) MINE WARFARE INSIGNIA (1943-58)





MUSICIANS 1ST & 2ND CLASS (1912-25) QUALIFIED NON-RATED MEN (1926-48)

NAVAL AVIATION PILOT (1933-35)





NAVAL AVIATION PILOTS (1933-35)



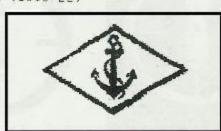






NAVAL MILITIA (1910-22)





NAVY "E" (1906-75)
NAVY "E" AWARD RIBBON (1975-PRESENT)
(YELLOW, WHITE, BLUE, WHITE, YELLOW)
(SILVER METAL "E" CONTERED ON RIBBON)



NAVY "E" AWARD RIBBON



NAVY E 1906-1975







NAVY E 1938 - 1957



NAVY E 1957-1975











Novy E (USNA only)

OFFICERS' STEWARDS AND COOKS (1924-44)
3RD, 2ND & 1ST CLASS (1924-44) (1, 2, & 3 bars)
CHIEF (1942-44) (4 bars)













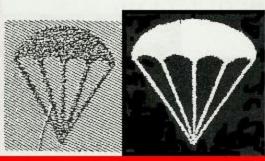
ORDNANCE BATTALION (1943-58) (DIAMOND BORDER UNAUTHORIZED)







PARACHUTEMAN (1941-46) (UNAUTHORIZED)





PATROL TORPEDO BOAI (1943-44)





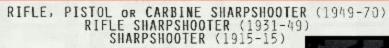




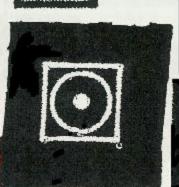




QUARTERMASTER (1942-48) SIGNALMAN (1912-18)















WE ARE ALL FAMILIAR WITH THE MARKSMAN-SHARPSHOOTER EXPERT RIFLEMAN DMs AS SHOWN ON PAGE 69 OF JOHN STACEY'S BOOK. WHAT TITLE COULD WE

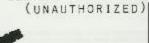
GIVE THIS UNAUTHORIZED DISTINGUISHING MARK?

RIGID AIRSHIP INSIGNIA (1928-43)





SEAMAN GUARD (WW2)







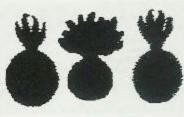
SEAMAN GUNNER (1886-1958)













SEAMAN RADIOMAN (1927-45)

SEAMAN SIGNALMAN (1918-27)





SEAMAN SIGNALMAN (1927-45) QUARTERMASTERS QUALIFIED AS SIGNALMAN (1918-21)





SEAMAN WATCHMAN (WW2)

SHIPWRIGHT (1912-21)







SHIP'S COOK, 3RD & 4TH CLASS (1908-21)
BAKER, 2ND CLASS (1908-21)
OFFICER'S STEWARDS AND COOKS (1921-24)

SIGNALMAN (1912-18)(SHIP'S WHEEL)
QUARTERMASTERS QUALIFIED AS SIGNALMEN (1918-21)(CROSSED SIGNALFLAGS)



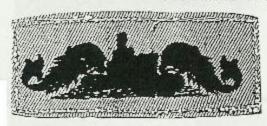
SONAR OPERATOR (1949-70)



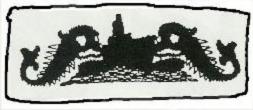
STOREKEEPER (1942-48)



SUBMARINE INSIGNIA (1924-50)



KHAKI UNIFORM 1931-1950





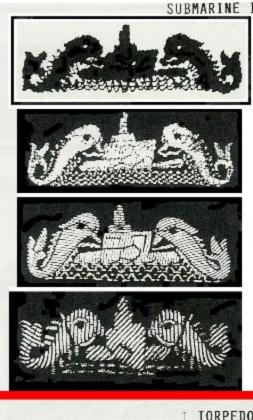


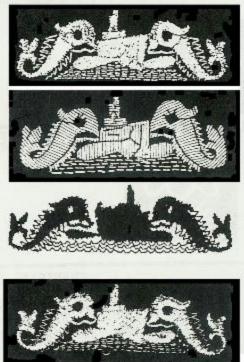




WHITE UNIFORM TWO VARIATIONS 1924-1950

SUBMARINE INSIGNIA (1924-50)





GUNNER'S MATES QUALIFIED AS TORPEDOMEN (1912-21)











UNITED STATES NAVY AMPHIBIOUS INSIGNIA

A message from the Chief of Naval Personnel dated 24 April 1943, replying to a request from Landing Craft School, Amphibious Force Pacific Fleet, San Diego, specifically stated that the mark with an alligator disgorging tanks being sold by tailors in the San Diego areas was not authorized. This as well as a multi-colored shoulder patch.









